

Leon Band Parent Meeting
Monday, April 19, 2010

Meeting called to order by President Goodson at 6:00 p.m.
Notes recorded by Secretary Brown
Band Director Mr. Thornton was present.

Members Present:
JoAnne Todd
Melanie Goodson
Jerry Woodall
Kelly Price
Diane Pickett
Laura Glenn
Amy Campbell
Pam Whitworth
Julie Griffith
Mark Repasky

1. Calendar

a. State MPA - April 26th

Symphonic Band State MPA Schedule - 4/26

Symphonic Band will be traveling to University of Florida on 4/26 for State MPA. This will be a full day event. See schedule below:

- 7:30am - Rehearsal in band room
- 8:30am - Depart for UF
- 10:45am - Lunch at Gainesville mall
- 12:15pm - Arrive at UF/Unload
- 1:00pm - Warm-up
- 1:30pm - Performance/Clinic/Listen to other bands
- 4:45pm - Depart for Tallahassee
- 7:00pm - Arrive at Leon (time approximate)

Snacks will be provided on the way home from UF. Students will need to bring money for lunch and plan to eat dinner at home later in the evening. Be sure to check the "hotline" at the bottom of the website for updates while we are on the trip.

There will be six chaperones going with the band to Gainesville. The Chaperones will travel behind the band bus due to limited bus seating. As of this writing Diane Pickett, Kelly Price and Julie Griffith will be driving their vehicles. Sue Rowland, Terri Repasky, and Sue Brown will accompany them. Amy Campbell volunteered to obtain snacks and

drinks for the trip. Due to the schedule of events the members will have an early lunch and not have another opportunity to eat until they start back for Tallahassee. Mr. Thornton advises that the trip status will be continually updated on the “Hot Line Box” located on the band website.

b. Middle School Meet-n-Greet – May 11th

We will provide refreshment set up during the meet and greet period. The agenda for this is the same as last year. Incoming student parents will meet initially in the school’s auditorium for an overview and band presentation by Mr. Thornton. After which these parents will move to the band room for further question and answer period. Julie Griffith will coordinate the refreshment table. Ms. Goodson displayed a blank “Charms” information sheet and said that the incoming student parents will complete the form during the orientation. Also at this time volunteer information will be shared and a signup sheet will be started.

c. Oliver Hobbs Concert – May 20th (Nena Pobjecky/Kathy Stump)

Nena Pobjecky and/or Kathy Stump had volunteered to oversee the after concert reception. Neither was at this meeting so we did not receive an update on this issue. Ms. Goodson made the statement that Ms. Pobjecky has a good punch recipe that she will attempt to obtain, as well as the formula to determine how much food is needed. The reception will be in the lobby outside of the auditorium immediately after the concert. Discussion was had on the crowd problem in the confines of the lobby. It was suggested that extra tables be set up down each of the two hallways off of the lobby. This might ease the overcrowding problem.

d. Band Banquet – May 27th Antique Car Museum (flyer on website)

So far we have sold 145 tickets for the banquet. We need to at least double this number. Tickets will continue to be sold as close as possible to the event. We have to have some time for the caterer to get a head count. Currently the tickets are \$30.00 each. This is to cover the cost of the facility, the food and awards given to band members. The band does not make any money during this event. All monies collected go directly to the cost of the banquet. There was a discussion on trying to be able to have the band students eat free at this event next year. This discussion will continue in subsequent meetings.

e. Graduation – June 3rd

No new discussion. This event is at the Civic Center and starts at 7:00pm. The band members need to be at the center at 6:30pm.

2. Fundraisers

a. Toner/Ink Cartridge Recycle – Status?

Ms. Griffith took the collected toner cartridges to the recycle center and provided Mr. Vause with a return envelope so the money could be sent to the school. She said she would continue with this if needed. Mr. Thornton advised that he has canceled this fundraiser indicating that the individual could take the cartridges to the recycler

themselves. This fundraiser has been a problem for some time now and Mr. Thornton does not want it in the band room any longer.

b. Flip Flops

We still have plenty of these for sale. Ms. Goodson announced that she located two additional boxes of flip flops recently. They will be on display and available at the meet and greet on May 11th.

c. Pancake Breakfast

We were trying to have a pancake breakfast at Applebee's during the month of May. As it turns out the month of May is full at the restaurant. A decision was made not to attempt a breakfast over the summer month but to concentrate on having one in the fall on a no football weekend. We need to make sure we plan around the chicken dinner fundraiser.

3. Other

a. Summer Planning

Ms. Goodson announced that we have need to have band parent meetings over the summer since we have so much going on next football season. Ms. Goodson said that we had an off school year meeting at the Prather's home last year and it was a benefit. One of the new items is that the band parents will cover the concession stand at all middle school games. The proceeds from this goes to the band. No decision on this was made at this time. It was tabled until we meet again on May 24th.

It was brought up that Red Elephant restaurant will provide bottle water to the band if we ask. This is free.

Discussion was had on attempting to find a cheaper vendor next year for concert outfits. The Shoe vendor also sells dresses and tuxedos'. It might be that he can provide them cheaper than what we currently are paying. Julie Griffith will contact him to see what is available.

Discussion was had on uniform fitting day for next year. It was suggested that the students be separated by grade and have them report to the band room for fitting at different times. This will avoid the confusion of trying to fit the incoming students at the same time as those returning band members who already know the uniforms are fitted.

Julie Griffith asked that if seniors this year do not need their concert outfits or at least certain parts of it, if they would donate them back to the band then some cost could be deferred for incoming students. She suggested marching shoes, ties, cumberbuns and so forth.

Mr. Thornton suggested that the storage room could be re-organized for better location of the items on hand. He said he was willing to meet during the summer for this task.

b. 2010-11 Summer Band Camp/Uniform Fitting (August 2-13)

See 3a.

b. Next Meeting – May 24th

Mr. Thornton will have written budget for next year at this meeting.

Mr. Thornton recommends very strongly that band members attend a band camp at FSU this summer. He stated that he was willing to assist with getting the students into the camps that this would be very helpful for the student.

Mr. Thornton stated that the band will have a yearlong intern next year. The intern will help with all aspects of the band activities to include the two week summer band camp at Leon.

Fundraiser continued from above:

Mr. Thornton advised that things were not lining up for the golf tournament. The golf course itself will be undergoing updating during the time we are trying to have the tournament. He said that because of this he is “scrapping” the tournament for this year but will work steadily for one next year.

Additional Information:

Mr. Thornton put forth the need for a scholarship fund for the band to help those students that need it for paying their band fees. He said that a few of the band students are fully supported by the government and no matter how hard they have tried they have been unable to come up with the money to pay the band fees. He is looking for ways to help these students out.

Ms. Whitworth stated that the band has a saving account they have had for years and have never used it. This account currently has about \$3,000.00 in it. She suggested that we use this account for the scholarship fund. Mr. Thornton stated he would check with office to see if this were possible. He said that the current need is about \$2,000.00. In the meantime, if donations could be made to a scholarship fund (individual or business contributions), we need to continue to make this available.

After some discussion it was something that we need to set up for next year. At this point this item was tabled for further discussion at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.